

Annual conference welcomes elders

Friends gather laughing, sharing memories and presentations.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Diabetes Wellness Program hosted their ninth annual elder's conference at the Community center in Watonga, Okla.

"Oh my word," Erma Brown said, as she smiled and hugged long time friend, Henrietta (Cross) Ellis.

Brown and Ellis said that it had been over 20 years since they last seen one another.

"We went to Concho Boarding School together, not at the new building, but the old one that has been torn down," Ellis said.

The all day event had tables of different vendors in place to distribute information about how to live healthier lives and empower the minds of elders.

"Food borne illness cannot be seen or smelt," Kristie Purdy, nutritionist said.

Purdy stressed the importance of safe food handling.

"Wash your hands thoroughly before touching any food, keep raw meat and their juices away from other foods while you are

preparing your meal," Purdy said. "Cross contamination is one way to get a food borne illness."

Bobbie Hamilton, acting Deputy Director, Clinton Health Department said the purpose for the elders conference is to reach out to the elders and inform them about diabetes, exercise, health benefits, and let them know about the programs that the tribes provide and how they can assist them.

Following the morning speakers, an Owl dance contest was held.

"This is mine and my husbands first year to attend the elders conference. We drove here from Shawnee, Okla. and I am deeply impressed with what the tribes have put on here today," Muriel Lefthand, Wakolee said as she took her husband's hand and began to dance.

Breakfast and lunch were provided and raffles were held throughout the day.

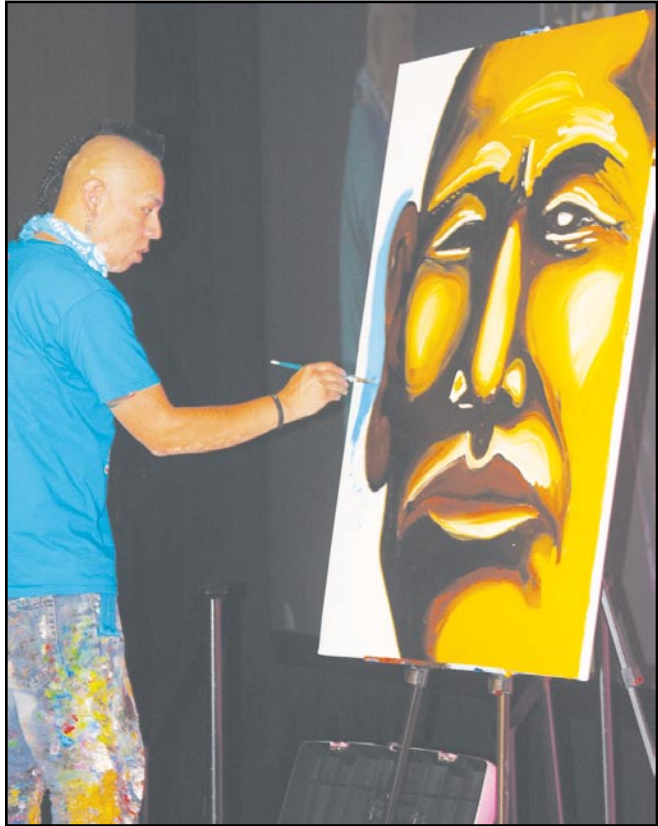


Erma Brown, left and Henrietta (Cross) Ellis greet each other warmly. They said it had been over 20 years since they had last seen each other.

For more information about the Diabetes Wellness Program call (405) 422-7679.

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

Photo by Rebecka Lyman



Left: Bunky Echo-Hawk, designer of the new Native Nike N7 design, donates his painting for auction during the seventh annual Red Feather Gala. Above: Micah Wesley, Creek and Kiowa, paints an Oklahoma scissortail spontaneously as one of his art pieces to be auctioned.

Event benefits the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic

The Red Feather Gala is a premier fundraising event, never a casual affair, with donated artwork from artists across the country.

The seventh annual Red Feather Gala was held Nov. 19, 2011 in the Grand Ballroom at the Chesapeake Energy Arena, (formerly the Cox Center) in Oklahoma City.

"The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC) board of directors has always envisioned having a formal fundraiser to help the patients and the clinic," David Toahty, OKCIC, chief development officer said. "Seven years ago the first Red Feather Gala was held at the Montgomery building in downtown Oklahoma City."

Toahty said last year the OKCIC believed a key component was missing at the gala. So the board and executive team decided to develop the Spirit of the Urban Indian award, to honor a person or persons that exhibited the compassion to help in the area of health care not only for the patients at the OKCIC but for all Indians and all people.

"Good evening, and thank you for attending our seventh annual Red Feather Gala. We are here this evening to raise money for a wonderful cause,"

said Robyn Sunday-Allen, OKCIC, CEO. "The Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic services over 16, 000 American Indians from all tribes and all ages. Without the clinic people would have to go without health care, have to travel to their traditional tribal home lands or frequent visits to emergency rooms. It is imperative that the clinic remain a part of Oklahoma City's health care market."

More than 80 items of Native art, contemporary art and jewelry was auctioned off throughout the evening.

"All money raised will go to expanding the facilities at the clinic to meet the growing need for patient care," Sunday- Allen said.

During the festivities, special guests, Brad and Kim Henry, Oklahoma former governor and first lady, was honored with the Spirit of the Urban Indian Award, in a special ceremony.

"Thank you so much, this is an incredible honor for Brad and I. It is so humbling to be a part of anything that honors the city's Indian Clinic and its health care," Kim said after receiving her satin shawl.

Brad and his wife were honored for their ef-

forts and dedication to improving the well being of Oklahomans and their impact on Indian country in Oklahoma.

Allen said Mr. and Mrs. Henry have shown they are the voice for the under-served American Indian population.

"Wow, what an honor and privilege for us to be here tonight. My wife hit the nail on the head when she said tonight is all about honoring the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, it is really about raising lots and lots of money to do lots of good for Oklahomans, that's what it is about," Brad said. "This is a great honor for myself and Kim and why you should dig a little deeper to give to this great cause. Kim and I have been honored by many organizations in the past, but tonight the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic arranged for an official Kiowa man of God to conduct a cedar blessing for us, and he blessed us, an honor we've never had before."

Allen said Brad and Kim are valuable partners in the success of the clinic and were honored to recognize them with this prestigious award.

Guests took part in a friendship dance that was led by the

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EHS Thanksgiving assembly honors Native American cultures

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



J.C. High Eagle interacts with students during the Thanksgiving assembly in El Reno, Okla.

This year’s El Reno High School (EHS) Thanksgiving assembly follows a traditional forum honoring Native Americans.

On Nov. 22, 2011 the EHS Indian Club hosted the assembly. Beginning the assembly were the presentation of colors and flags by Preston Starr and Pablo Moctezuma, Cheyenne, Arapaho and traditional songs by the Max Bear Drum Group.

Cricket Yellowman, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Brie Proctor, Osage, performed the Lord’s Prayer for the audience.

Stanley Plenty Bears, Cheyenne, Arapaho, EHS Indian Club president, welcomed the students and guests followed with a reading of the Presidential Native American Proclamation by Caitlin Boicourt, Cheyenne, Arapaho.

Guest speakers included J.C. High Eagle, Cherokee, Osage and Jerrod Tahsaquah, Comanche.

High Eagle is known for his 41 years of work with NASA and recently released his first country and western album.

“If there is one thing I would like for each of you to get out of what I say today it is to dream, believe and achieve,” High Eagle said. “Hang on to your dreams, believe you can reach your dream and create the stepping stones to achieve your dream in life ... don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t or won’t.”

Tahsaquah is a recruiter for the University of Oklahoma (OU). He emphasized the importance of a college education on the lives of students leaving high school.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Cricket Yellowman performs the Lord’s Prayer in sign language during the El Reno High School Thanksgiving assembly.

“Brass facts ... the income level of a high school graduate is only about \$10,500 per year versus a college graduate with a bachelor’s degree, which shoots up your income level to approximately \$45,000 per year and it keeps going up from there,” Tahsaquah said.

Dance exhibitions included the Men’s Fancy Dance, the Jingle Dance, Grass Dance and Intertribal dancing.

Lighting and stage crew were EHS Indian club members, Preston Starr, Melinda Birdshead, Miranda Marquez, Jazmine Johnson, Cara Roman Nose and Raven Olive, all Cheyenne, Arapaho.

Aussie horse-whisperer to lead Trail of Tears trek

By Monique Ross

“You are the one we have been waiting for, I can hear it in your voice.”

That is what a prominent Native American elder told Australian horse trainer Carlos Tabernaberry when she invited him to lead a group trek along the Trail of Tears.

The trail was named after the six-month journey undertaken by Native Americans when they were forced from their homelands in 1838, a move that claimed the lives of thousands of Indians from a handful of tribes.

Tabernaberry said he is honored by the rare invitation to lead the ride, which he said will cover about 1,300 kilometers from Oklahoma to Montana.

“It’s a huge honor but also I know that it comes with a lot of responsibility,” he said.

“It is going to be an amazing spiritual journey ... not only for them but for me.”

Grandmother Margaret Behan, an elder of Arapaho and Cheyenne heritage, who sits on the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, backed his involvement after a phone conversation.

She said it took her just minutes to realize Tabernaberry shares her tribe’s special connection” to horses.

“We felt like they were our brothers or our sisters, the horses. We became very close to them and they helped us,” Behan said. “Carlos is very intuitive with the horses, he can communicate with them. A horse whisperer, you know? They talk to them, can communicate and connect with them. They become very one with each other.”

Tabernaberry said at first, the invitation to lead the ride did not seem real.

“A lot of the tribes have been saying that the horse people are coming back,” he said.

“Grandmother Margaret spoke to me for about three minutes and she said you are the one we have been waiting for, I know it in your voice. It’s kind of a bit unreal at the beginning when you are on the other side of the world and they say you are the one that is bringing the horse people back.



Courtesy photo

Horse-whisperer, Carlos Tabernaberry.

“One of the things I actually said to them at the time is well, look, hang on, there’s hundreds of trainers in America, and she said no we don’t want them, you are the one, you are the one,” Tabernaberry said. “I was in the U.S. years ago and the Lakota were saying the same thing, that they knew I was coming. So the Lakota, the Cherokee, the Cheyenne and the Arapaho have been saying the same thing.”

Tabernaberry’s involvement in the sacred journey did not begin with his phone conversation with Behan. Rather, it was sparked by a vision quest undertaken by a Cherokee woman named Noqah Elisi.

“Traditional Native people have the tradition of going on the hill and I’ve done it three times now. The second time I went up on

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CHR cancer awareness health fair



Submitted article by LaDonna Roman Nose

Live Well, Be Well, Eat Well

With over 100 participants, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Health Program (CHR) health fair was held Oct. 26, 2011 in Concho, Okla.

Marie Whiteman opened the fair with a prayer and Charlene Wassana was emcee for the day.

There were 16 educational booths from tribal programs, community programs and the El Reno Indian Health Services (HIS). Each CHR had a booth providing cancer awareness information with nursing staff on hand for flu shots and blood pressure checks were also provided.

Presentations by Deborah Ellis, Cheyenne Arapaho Health Education and Donna Stang-Jung, OSU Extension Health Educator were presented throughout the day.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The cancer survivor panel had two speakers that included Sophina Williams and Mary Hawk.

“The speakers were very inspiring and we thank them for sharing their stories with us.” Roman Nose said.

The CHR Program hosted a walk with 54 participants, who all received a t-shirt. Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness fitness technicians conducted chair exercises for the crowd.

CHR Director LaDonna Roman-Nose thanked the guests, booth participants and tribal programs for attending the health fair and supporting the CHR program.

In her closing remarks, Roman Nose gave a special thank you to Charlene Wassana for keeping the event running smoothly and her medical knowledge as well as her jokes, “which were also enjoyed.”

Drawings were held through out the event. All participants received a goodie bag from the National Relief Charities and a cancer awareness bag for attending the health event.

The CHR staff did a great job planning and preparing to make this event a success. The CHR staff includes Monica Perry, administrative assistant, Aaron Denny, data entry clerk, Coleen Guerrero and Irene Deer, El Reno CHRs, Donna Sandoval, Kingfisher CHR, Stephanie Brooks, Watonga CHR, Wendell Rednose, Canton/Longdale CHR, Sandra Pratt, Geary CHR, Tisha Tallbear, Weatherford CHR, Juanita Trout, Clinton CHR and Joyce Bullcoming, Hammon/Elk City CHR.

The CHR program staff would like to thank Lucky Star Casino for providing box lunches and the Cheyenne and Arapaho programs, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. , Food Distribution, Vocational Rehabilitation, Diabetes Wellness as well as the Canadian County Health Department and Mary Kay for providing booths at the fair.



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Deborah Ellis is one of the guest speakers during the CHR Cancer Awareness Health fair.

Donation made to burial program



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Lori Brooks, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ burial program administrative assistant accepts donation from Norman Sheridan, Lucky Star Casino.

Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. received monetary donations from veterans during the Veterans Day breakfast held on Nov. 11, 2011.

The casino chose to donate the funds to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ burial program. The funds will be used to purchase American flags to help the Daughters of the American Revolution locate gravesits of veterans buried at Concho.

Artist applications available for 2012 Red Earth Festival

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Artist applications for the 26th annual Red Earth Festival art market are currently being accepted for the event scheduled June 8-10, 2012 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. The award-winning festival is considered the world’s largest event of its kind, drawing thousands of art enthusiasts to a three-day weekend which celebrates Native American visual art and dance.

The Red Earth juried art market annually showcases more than 200 artists representing Native tribes and nations from throughout the United States and Canada. It drew nearly 30,000 attendees in 2011 and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Redbud Award for “Out-standing Event” from the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department and recognition as a top 100 event in North America by the American Bus Association.

Red Earth Festival art market categories include contemporary and traditional artforms such as cultural items; jewelry; paintings, drawings, graphics and photography; sculpture; pottery; and clothing, textiles and weaving. Each category is divided into subdivisions.

Eastern Band Cherokee basket maker Shan Goshorn of Tulsa, Okla. received the 2011 AT&T Red Earth Grand Award for Best of Show for her hand woven basket entitled “Educational Genocide/The Legacy of the Carlisle Indian Board School.”

Brent Greenwood, a Chickasaw/Ponca painter from Edmond, Okla., was recipient of the 2010 Red Earth President’s Award for a diversified art piece he calls “Native Flag,” and Tahnee Ahtoneharjo, a Muscogee clothing/textile designer from Oklahoma City received the 2010 Red Earth Kathleen Everett Upshaw Award for her piece entitled “Let Me Show You My Tribes.”

Applicants must be able to provide documents of proof of membership in a federally or state-recognized tribal entity or documents of proof of certification as Indian Artisans by an Indian tribe. Juried applicants must provide three color images per category of artwork that will be sold in their booth. Applications can be downloaded from www.redearth.org or obtained by calling (405) 427-5228.

Booth space in the Red Earth art market is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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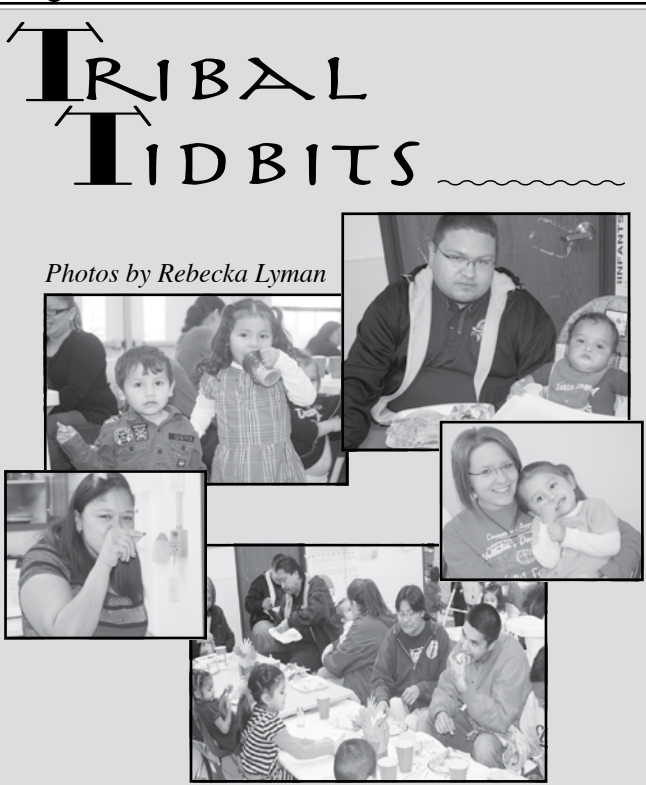
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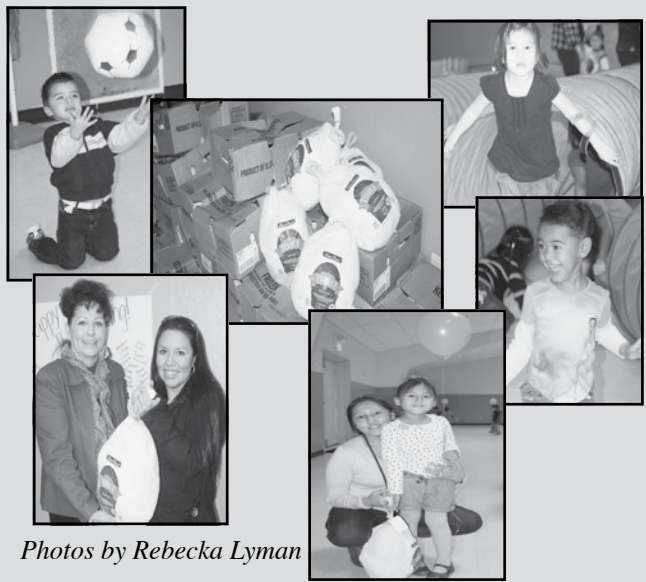
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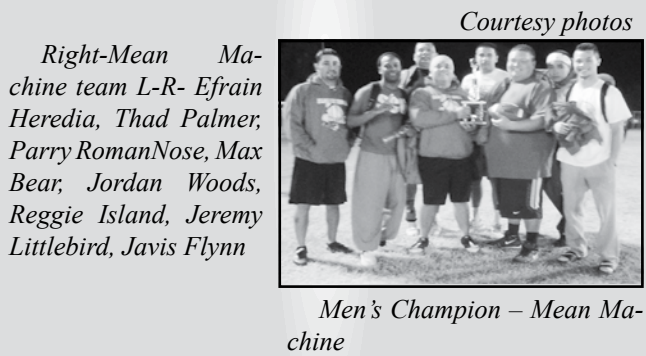
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On Nov. 22, 2011 the preschool students, children and staff of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Concho Child Development center held a Thanksgiving feast. Family and friends were invited to join in their holiday meal.



The Cheyenne and Arapaho, Concho Headstart staff held a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 22, 2011 for students and their families. They enjoyed a meal catered by Snider’s Catering. The children enjoyed playing in the circular tunnel and the games provided by the Department of Education. One turkey was given to each family to take home after the festivities.



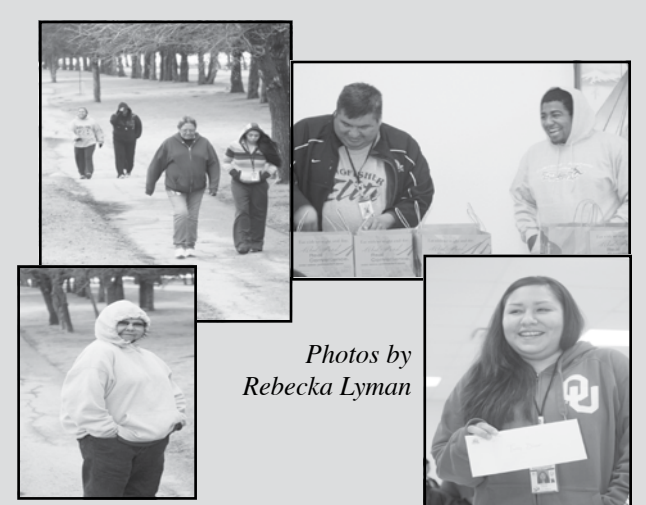
Right-Mean Machine team L-R- Efrain Heredia, Thad Palmer, Parry RomanNose, Max Bear, Jordan Woods, Reggie Island, Jeremy Littlebird, Javis Flynn

Men’s Champion – Mean Machine



Left-Chris’s team L-R-Chris Rednose, Kevin Birdshead, Jovia Franklin, Derrick Birdshead, Anthony Plentybears, DeCarlos Banks, Josh Richey

Men’s Runner-Up – Chris’ Team



Right-GSE team L-R: Carrie Whitlow, Jamie Reveles, Connor Bushyhead, Stephanie RomanNose, Leslie Heredia

Women’s Champion – GSE



Left-Fumble This team from left to right Devaney Campbell, Lucy Nibbs, Amber Blackowl, Haley Starr, Kendra Sleeper

Women’s Runner-Up – Fumble This

EHS grad honored as 2011 Distinguished Alumni



Jim Archer

Jim Archer, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member was honored as one of three distinguished El Reno High School (EHS) alumni during an awards banquet held Nov. 21, 2011 in El Reno, Okla. Archer, class of 1954, was an EHS athlete, lettering in four sports. He was a member of the 1953 state champion basketball team and went on to play football, at what was then called, Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Okla. He earned a B.S. degree in education in 1959 and a M.A. in education in 1960.

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Former Oklahoma Governor, Brad Henry, gratefully accepts a Pendleton blanket from the OKCIC, as his wife, Kim looks on.

beat of a large ceremonial drum, silent auction and a live painting presented by local artists, Micah Wesley and Bunky Echo-Hawk. Wesley, Creek and Kiowa, is known as a mixed media artist. He graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) and found his hand in painting, serigraphy, sculpture, acting, ceramics, small metals and installation. The guests were given one hour to chat, mingle and view the items up for bid in the silent auction while the two artists showed off their painting talents on the stage for all to see. Echo-Hawk, Pawnee and Yakama, also graduated from IAIA. He is an award winning artist, graphic designer, photographer, writer and non-profit professional. His art has been shown in major exhibitions throughout

the United States and internationally. His poetry has been published in magazines and anthologies and his plays have been performed and produced across the nation. In 2011 a new Bunky Echo-Hawk Nike N7 product collection was also launched.

Submitted article In 1970 Archer earned his administrative certificate at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. Archer said he achieved his dream of becoming a coach and educator. He coached five state champion track teams at Tulsa McClain High School and served as superintendent of schools in Shawnee, Okla. from 1988-1990. He also served as superintendent of schools in Coleman, Mich., from 1996-2001 and before that as superintendent of Yarbrough Public Schools from 1992-1995. Archer also was the assistant education director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

From 1990-1992, Archer worked with Bowles Financial assisting school districts with financial planning, including working with cash management, bond issues and budget planning.

Archer was recently named to the El Reno City Council, running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Glen Nichols.

Also being honored was James C. Bass of Bass Law Firm and Vicki Proctor.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Lucky Star Casino presents Huey Lewis and The News

Dec. 2, 2011 at the Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-7612 or to order tickets visit www.ticketstorm.com.

First Birthday Dance for Rickey Matthew Candy

Dec. 3, 2011 at the Hammon Community Hall in Hammon, Okla. Supper served at 5 p.m.

Rickey is the son of Rikki “Turtle” Candy and Michelle Redhat, the grandson of Rickey and Tammi (Stepp) Candy and Steve and Monica (Kauley) Redhat. The great-grandson of the late Robert and Maxine (Miles) Candy and Bill and Leona (Standingwater) Stepp, Arlene Kauley and the late Kenneth Kauley and Emma Redhat. Sponsored by Rickey’s grandparents.

Labor Day powwow Benefit Dance

Dec. 4, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Dance to follow. For more information call (405) 426-2278.

Environmental Review Board Meeting-Open Public Meeting

10 a.m., Dec. 8, 2011 at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla. Topics include Canton gym update, environmental health/engineering sanitation facilities construction program, environmental program update and Tribal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) update. For more information contact LaDonna Tallbear at (405) 422-7656.

Coming Out Dance for Nelsie Renae Redbird

Dec. 10, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Blackfeet 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. followed by Gourd Dance.

Nelsie is the 16 yr old daughter of Alice DaudleKaule of Anadarko, Okla. and Emmett Redbird Jr. of El Reno, Okla. Her paternal grandparents are Emmett Redbird Sr. and the late Barbara Goodbear. The family invites all clubs, Princesses, family and friends. For more information call (405) 933-3198.

Special Tribal Council Meeting-Continued

10 a.m. Dec. 10, 2011, continued from Nov. 5, 2011 Tribal Council meeting to complete agenda formally introduced. For more information contact Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7430.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Elders Christmas Event

10 a.m., Dec. 14, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Lunch followed by bingo sessions. Transportation provided. For more information call (405) 422-7743.

Lucky Star Casino presents the Commodores and Kool & The Gang

Dec. 16, 2011 at the Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Christmas Bazaar

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 16, 2011 at the Concho Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla. All vendors welcomed. Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Employee Committee. For more information contact Helen Sheridan at (405) 422-7590 or Eva Olguin at (405) 201-6481.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Governor's Christmas Dinners

Dec. 5 Hammon Community Hall-5:30 p.m.

Dec 6 Woodward Pioneer Hall-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 6 Canton- N. A. Church Center-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 Elk City Gatherings Place-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 Thomas School Cafeteria-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 Clinton Frisco Center-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 Weatherford Pioneer Hall-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 Watonga Multi- Purpose Center-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 Geary Community Hall-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12 OKC Church of the Nazarene-6 p.m.

Dec. 13 Kingfisher Snider's Catering-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 Concho Lucky Star Event Center-6:30 p.m.

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the hill, this man came to me and he wore a black coat and a black hat,” Elisi said. “He looked like a man and a horse all at the same time. I understood in my vision that he was a horse and a man. He was very kind and very fierce at the same time and he said to me that I needed to follow the footsteps of my grandmothers and that I was going to go on a trip and that I was to do the trip with horses and to not be afraid ... he said there would be people that would come and help me.”

Elisi said she knew she was meant to trek the Trail of Tears.

“Native people carry with us generations of unshed tears. We carry that with us so we have to open our hearts and let that be healed. The ride for me is about healing,” Elisi said. “I was just going to do it by myself. I was just going to quietly get me a horse and if I couldn’t ride it I’d walk it, we’d walk the Trail of Tears.”

That was until she found a DVD featuring Tabernaberri in a box of used books at a garage sale.

She watched him train a horse without the use of a saddle, bit, bridle or stirrups.

“I started watching it and I started to cry because it so reminded me of my mother. His way of working with the horse without using pain as a motivator just touched me so deeply,” Elisi said. “Traditional Native values all talk about respect. I don’t care if you’re a full blood, a chief, if you’re wearing buckskin and covered in feathers. I don’t care who you are, if you’re not treating that animal with respect than you’re not living traditional Native values.

Elisi said she saw that balance of right relationship with Carlos she hadn’t seen with other trainers.

“He is reminding us of the traditional Cherokee values. So I emailed Carlos and I thanked him. I said what I see in you is a little piece of healing ... for a piece of very broken history and a very broken relationship between man and horse,” Elisi said.

The pair formed a close bond and and Elisi sought approval to ride under the banner of the International Council of Thirteen

Indigenous Grandmothers.

That approval was granted by Grandmother Behan after her phone call to Tabernaberri.

The ride will take place on rescued Mustangs, which Tabernaberri will work with before the group sets out.

“It’s a major journey. They’re beautiful people that I’m dealing with so in terms of matching horses, you’ve got to find a matching personality. They come with their own traits and personalities and different quirks, so I’m trying to match them in that sense. They might have three horses to pick from and find a connection with one horse ... then I have to make sure the horse finds a connection with them as well,” Tabernaberri said.

Behan believes Tabernaberri is the first Australian to ever lead such a trek.

“Not that I know of, not in history, has another Australian taken part. It’s very auspicious,” she said. “We believe that our ancestors are always with us. So our ancestors that went through the genocide will be

very active here on the ride with us.”

The International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers represent a global alliance of prayer, education and healing for Mother Earth, all her inhabitants, all the children, and for the next seven generations to come.

They are deeply concerned with the unprecedented destruction of Mother Earth and the destruction of indigenous ways of life. They believe the teachings of their ancestors will light their way through an uncertain future.

The Grandmothers look to further their vision through the realization of projects that protect their diverse cultures, lands, medicines, language and ceremonial ways of prayer and through projects that educate and nurture their children.

For more information on the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers or the Trail of Tear journey, visit www.grandmotherscouncil.org.

Behan, one of the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers

Her name is Grandmother Margaret Behan, Red-spider woman, Cheyenne, Arapaho.

“Even before I was born I was prayed for. My mother wanted to have another baby, so my grandfather had a peyote ceremony. I was the third generation to be conceived through the medicine, and I have been brought up with the medicine. Peyote has been an integral part of my life,” Behan said.

Behan is the fifth generation of Sand Creek Massacre survivors. She was born into the Cheyenne Beaver Clan on her mother’s side, and the Rabbit Lodge on her father’s Cheyenne and Arapaho side. After she was born, her grandfather put up a tipi and held a ceremony for her life.

“In Cheyenne, such a thing is expressed as, He planted prayers for me,” Behan said.

Behan’s parents were migrant workers, so she and her seven older siblings were raised by their grandparents.

“My parents were not able to be there for me,” Behan said. “But in our culture we don’t have aunts and uncles. We have a lot of mothers and fathers, so I have been parented, even though my own (parents) often needed to be absent.”

When she was 5, Behan was sent to boarding school. When her parents visited, they told her the tribal stories and lessons so she would remember her culture.

“My father would tell me how the Creator loved us so much that he gave us a star and the star was the fire, so we are the Star People. He also told me that the Eagle is really an angel and I should always pray to him. These gifts from the Creator have helped me to be here now,” Behan said.

Behan’s mother taught her beadwork and how to make buckskin dresses for her dolls. She also taught her about the sacred designs of her tribe. Today Behan’s dolls and sculptures have earned her many honors.

Behan’s life was not an easy one. She began drinking at

an early age because she wanted to “fit in” with her friends. She later became a battered wife with three children.

After her mother died, Behan said her life fell apart. She went into a peyote ceremony and asked to become sober. Soon afterwards, she began meeting sober people and knew the ceremony was working in her life. Along with her husband, she entered a treatment center. After two weeks, he left, but Behan remained. She learned that becoming sober is a long and painful process. She also learned about herself, her understanding of Spirit, and the ceremonies.

Behan realized she needed to face her enemy, substance abuse. She lived in poverty so she could afford schooling to become a substance abuse counselor. She wanted to help her own people and counsel in her own language. She also cleared up the loose ends of her life by finalizing her divorce and strengthening her relationship with her children.

Behan eventually moved to Montana. She opened a taco stand, and people came to help her, seeming to be drawn by her presence. Soon the spiritual people, who usually stay hidden and never talk to ordinary people, began to come to her and introduce her to their worlds.

“I knew I was having an introduction,” she said. “I had three years of struggle, yet on the other hand, I was meeting this beautiful other world of my Cheyenne people.”

During this time, Behan also learned about psychodrama and the ways it is similar to ceremonies and traditional ways. It became an important tool in her healing work with trauma and substance abuse.

“Psychodrama has immediate results,” Behan said. “If someone is dealing with anger, they go through the whole process of being angry. The counselor follows them all the way through. Medicine men and women do the same thing.”

Today Behan presents trauma and substance abuse pro-



Courtesy photo
Grandmother Margaret Behan

grams across the country. She is an author, poet, playwright, artist, and a traditional Cheyenne dancer.

Behan introduced herself to the Grandmother’s Council by singing the Turtle Song, a song taught to her by her grandmother. Her vision for the council is to free everyone from deprivation, and to free her people from alcohol and drug abuse and addiction.

“It has only been the last two hundred years that we have become chemically dependent,” she said. “We can turn back to being the very powerful people we were. Powerful people are free and liberate people ... I know the ancient ways that we bring to this table from each of our traditions will make a difference.”



Pumpkin Fry Bread

Cooking with USDA Foods

*Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program*



Fried pumpkin bread—served hot with butter, powdered sugar, or honey—makes a wonderful snack.

4 cups canned pumpkin
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
3 cups all purpose flour
½ tsp ground nutmeg
Plus an additional cup of flour
1 cup warm milk
1 Tbsp baking soda
¾ cup brown sugar
1 tsp baking powder
¼ cup white sugar
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp vanilla extract
3 cups vegetable oil, for frying

Directions:

In a large bowl stir together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. In a separate bowl, mix together the pumpkin, milk, both sugars, and vanilla. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir to make a dough. With the additional cup of flour, gradually add to the dough and knead a few times, making the dough strong enough to handle without breaking, but don’t over-knead. Cover the dough and let it rise for about 30 minutes.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large heavy skillet until a small drop of dough will fry and rise to the top. Break off egg size pieces of the dough, pat them out into rough circles about 4 inches round and ¼ inch thick. Carefully drop dough circles into the hot oil and fry, turning once, about 2-3 minutes per side, or until edges are brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm.



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Official Minutes and Resolutions of the annual Tribal Council meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes held Oct. 1, 2011 in Concho, Okla.

Submitted by Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Annual Tribal Council Meeting
October 1, 2011
Concho Community Building - Concho, Oklahoma

10:00 AM Welcome: Lisa Martin, Tribal Council Coordinator
Invocation:
10:13 AM Roll call/Establish Quorum: (75 Tribal Members): Lisa Martin, TCC

Election of Chairperson:
Janice Boswell nominates Ida Hoffman: Bruce Whitman seconds the nomination
Hoffman won by acclamation

Chairperson: Ida Hoffman

Election of Secretary:
Janice Boswell Nominates Diane Willis: Nomination seconded by Bruce Whitman
Willis won by acclamation

Secretary: Diane Willis

Election of Sergeant of Arms:
Tribal Security

Sergeant of Arms: Tribal Security

Appointment of Counters for voting procedure by Chairperson
Cornell Sankey Mike Martin Robert Wilson Bruce Whitman
Richard Bacon Levi Scottedcorn

New Business: Proposed Resolutions

Motion made by Janice Boswell to move agenda item number VII to agenda number I.

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 87 Opposed: 16 Abstain: 12 Not Voting:

Resolution I
Disaffirming and Disavowing Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.
Proposed Resolution read by: Motion to accept Janice Boswell: Seconded by Chester Whitman.

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 83 Opposed: 23 Abstain: Not Voting: 25

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Resolution II
A Tribal Council Resolution to Authorize the Governor to renew existing Public Law 93-638 Multi-Year (2012-2014) Contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Tribal Court, Social Services, Higher Education, Job Placement & Training and Johnson-O'Malley Programs.

Proposed Resolution read by: Motion to accept Janice Boswell: Seconded by Marvin Hines.

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 137 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 10 Not Voting:

Resolution III
A Tribal Council Resolution to Approve the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Procurement Policy Manual.
Proposed Resolution read by: Denise Blackowl
Motion to table this resolution for further research and information
Motion made by Joyce Woods: seconded by Janice Boswell

Vote to Amend Resolution/ Vote to Table Resolution
For: 72 Opposed: 1 Abstain: Not Voting: 15

Resolution IV
AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT A LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROJECT FOR ELDERLY HOUSING ON THE CONCHO RESERVE
Proposed Resolution read by: Damon Dunbar
Motion made by Edgar Heap of Birds: seconded by John Byers

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 124 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Not Voting: 4

Resolution V
A Tribal Council Resolution authorizing the submission of the Fiscal Year 2011 tribal Transit Program Grant Application to Federal Transit Administration.
Proposed Resolution read by: Bill Tailbear
Motion by Bill Tailbear: Seconded by Edgar Heap of Birds

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 123 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Not Voting: 5

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Resolution VI
A Tribal Council Resolution approving the Federal Transit Administration's Requirement of a Tribal Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Proposed Resolution read by: Bill Tailbear
Motion by Bill Tailbear: Seconded by Chester Whitman

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 127 Opposed: 1 Abstain: Not Voting: 4

Resolution VII
TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE FY2012 INDIAN RESERVE ROADS PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.
Proposed Resolution read by: Angela Blind
Motion by Angela Blind: Seconded by Janice Boswell

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 127 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Not Voting: 5

Resolution VIII
Approve and Authorize the FY2011 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.
Proposed Resolution read by: Dale Hamilton
Motion by Dale Hamilton: Seconded by Kris Little Raven

Vote to Amend Resolution
For: 127 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Not Voting: 6

11:36 AM Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson:
Ida Hoffman, Chairperson
Date: 10-11-11

Secretary:
Diane Willis, Secretary
Date: 10-11-11

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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2011
CONCHO COMMUNITY BUILDING CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION NO: 100111ATC-001

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Disaffirming and Disavowing Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution ("Chey. & Arap. Const.") Preamble provides that it was adopted to establish guidance and direction for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' government, and advance the general welfare for [the Tribes] themselves and their posterity;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. II, § 1 provides that the Tribes possess inherent sovereign powers of government by virtue of territorial integrity and democracy;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. V, § 2 authorizes the Tribal Council to set policy for the Tribes;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VIII, § 2 grants the Tribal Council the power to approve or disapprove Judicial nominees;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VIII, § 2 provides: "Each Judge and Justice shall be selected upon nomination by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature and approval by the Tribal Council, provided that, if the Legislature fails to approve or disapprove a nominee for Judge or Justice within thirty days of the nomination by the Governor, then the nominee shall be deemed confirmed by the Legislature..." (Emphasis added);

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VIII, § 3(a) provides: "The Chief Justice and each Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall serve four year staggered terms or until a successor is sworn into office";

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VIII, § 5(a) and (b) authorize the Supreme Court to act only when it has a case or controversy before it;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 5 provides all actions by the Legislature shall be embodied in a written law or resolution;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 6 authorizes the Legislature to act only in regular or special session of the Legislature and Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 7 authorizes the Legislature to act only through the Legislative Process;

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WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 5 provides that the Legislature must exercise its lawmaking power in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS: Chey. & Arap. Const. Art. VI, § 7(a)(vi) provides that "Any action by the Legislature which does not follow the Legislative Process shall be deemed void and shall not be implemented or enforced by the government, Governor, or any official or employee";

WHEREAS: On July 10, 2010, Governor Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell nominated the following persons to serve as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes: John G. Ghostbear, Daniel Webster, Mary Daniel, and Jennifer McBee;

WHEREAS: On August 6, 2010, six (6) members of the Third Legislature held an invalid meeting in what it termed to be an "open meeting" that was not held in accordance with the Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 6(b) and purported to take action as the Third Legislature in denying confirmation of nominees John G. Ghostbear, Daniel Webster, Mary Daniel, and Jennifer McBee by separate Legislative Orders: 3L-LO-N-2010-OMI-08-01; 3L-LO-N-2010-OMI-08-02; 3L-LO-N-2010-OMI-08-03; and 3L-LO-N-2010-OMI-08-04;

WHEREAS: On August 9, 2010, the 30-day period for the Legislature to confirm or deny the Governor's judicial nominees expired and the nominees were deemed confirmed by the operation of Chey. & Arap. Const. Art. VIII, § 2;

WHEREAS: On May 7, 2011, the Tribal Council ratified Governor Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell's nomination of and subsequent default Legislative confirmation of Supreme Court Justices Daniel Webster, John Ghostbear, Mary Daniel, and Jennifer McBee by Resolution No. 050711STC-001;

WHEREAS: Former Supreme Court Justices Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson have been impersonating themselves as Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Supreme Court Justices, and purporting to issue "orders" of the Tribal Court;

WHEREAS: On August 12, 2010, Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson purported to act by administrative decision outside of any arguable jurisdiction of an appellate court and issued its Second Supplemental Order in In Re: The Judicial Branch of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Government, SC-AD-2010-07, in which Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen Guzman, and Lindsay Robertson simply declared the Tribes' "open meeting" denials of the Governor's judicial nominees were valid and sufficient;

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that Dennis W. Arrow's term expired September 2003 and that Lindsay G. Robertson was only ever authorized to hear a few pending cases in 2004. See September 18, 2007 letter to (then) Governor Flyingman from Dan Deenwater. Mr. Deenwater went on to state that "we must once again emphasize the fact that there are no Justices sitting on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Supreme Court that have been properly appointed." Id;

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WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson never had fully executed and properly authorized contractual agreements in place. See July 16, 2010 letter to Governor Boswell from Constance Fox;

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that the service of Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson who were appointed prior to the ratification of the Constitution, "is inconsistent with the goal of giving effect to the Tribal Constitution." See P.L. 93-638 Programmatic and Financial Review (2009) at 11-12;

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that the appointments and service of Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson were inconsistent with the Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VII, §§ 2-3. See Tribal Court Assessment (Nov. 10, 2008) at 5-6;

WHEREAS: There is no statute, law, or regulation that provides any legal basis for Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, nor Lindsay G. Robertson any authority to impersonate themselves as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson have interfered in issues about who is the governor as well as interfered in decisions involving the Third Legislature, and attempted to disrupt future elections;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson have slandered, defamed, and libeled tribal officials, employees, and the Executive Branch's former and current general counsel;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson did not faithfully uphold the Chey. & Arap. Const. nor the laws of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson continue to issue documents under the guise of their former [invalid] positions, without a case or controversy before them, contrary to the facts of the matters, and in omission of the relevant facts to mislead and incite tribal members and the public;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson have had no legitimate claim to any justice or associate justice positions, yet continue to impersonate themselves as justices and associate justices;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to intervene in internal tribal affairs, misinformed the public of the status of the appeal (and subsequent automatic stay) of the Concho Agency Superintendent Betty B. Tippecomic's March 28, 2011 Letter Decision interfering in the Tribes' court by failing to state that Governor Boswell appealed that decision and the Bureau of Indian Affairs accepted the appeal; and

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WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson use the University of Oklahoma to perpetuate their impersonations as tribal officials, and the University of Oklahoma has knowledge of and condones such activity;

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson have had no consequences for their impersonations as tribal officials and such acts harm the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, its members and employees;

WHEREAS: The University of Oklahoma must cease its facilitation of these impersonations;

WHEREAS: The student associations at the University of Oklahoma must be contacted to request the University of Oklahoma stop facilitating these impersonations;

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Attorney General must be directed to prosecute Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson for impersonating public officials;

WHEREAS: The United States Attorney General must be contacted to request Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson be prosecuted for impersonating public officials in relation to a public contract;

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs must be contacted and informed that Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson are not public officials of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes;

WHEREAS: The Governor of Oklahoma must be contacted and informed that Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson are impersonating Cheyenne and Arapaho public officials and using the University of Oklahoma to perpetuate such impersonations;

WHEREAS: The state bars and courts that license Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay Robertson must be contacted and informed of such impersonations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby disaffirm and disavow Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson as Supreme Court Justices and direct the membership of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes that these persons opinions are of no force or effect as a matter of Cheyenne and Arapaho policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes authorize and direct its legal counsel, Rick Grullier and Amber Bighorse-Sultor to contact the University of Oklahoma; student associations at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University; the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Attorney General; the United States Attorney General; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Governor of Oklahoma; and the state bars and courts that license Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson to inform them

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of their individual conduct as outlined above, the Tribal Council's position, and file formal complaints against Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman, and Lindsay G. Robertson.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby recognize only the Court held at 700 N Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, OK 73622 and no impostor court shall be recognized or tolerated by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

2011 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
Ida E. Hoffman
Chairperson

ATTEST:
Diane Willis
Secretary

CERTIFICATION
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the 2011 Tribal Council of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes; do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Annual Council Meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 88 for, 15 opposed, and 25 abstentions.

Diane Willis
Secretary

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2011
Concho Community Hall
10:00 AM

A Tribal Council Resolution to Authorize the Governor to renew existing Public Law 93-638 Multi-Year (2012-2014) Contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Tribal Court, Social Services, Higher Education, Job Placement & Training and Johnson-O'Malley Programs

Tribal Council Resolution No: 100111ATC-002

Date Posted: September 8, 2011
Date Published: September 15, 2011
Date Approved: October 1, 2011

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution ("Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution") approved by the tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution Article V, Section 2 (a), grants the Tribal Council "the power to set policy for the Tribes" and all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution".

WHEREAS: the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution Article V, Section 2 (c) grants the Tribal Council "the power to authorize the Governor to enter into treaties, compacts, or any contract.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have been contracting the following existing programs which expire on December 31, 2011.

PROGRAM CONTRACT NO
1. Higher Education CTB05T00195
2. Job Placement and Training CTB05T00196
3. Tribal Court CTB05T00197
4. Social Services CTB05T00198
5. Johnson-O'Malley CTB05T00199

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WHEREAS: The Tribes have identified a continuing need for these services and to continue contracting from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 3 years beginning January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 and

WHEREAS: In accordance with 25 CFR § 900.8 (d) that an "authorizing resolution" is needed from the tribes and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES The Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Governor, Justice Prude-Chief Boswell to sign and renew the following existing contract proposals: Higher Education, Job Placement and Training, Tribal Court, Social Services and Johnson-O'Malley and submit for full amount of funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in which the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are entitled to and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Governor is directed and authorized to carry out all acts necessary and proper to implement the intent of this resolution.

John E. Hoffman
Tribal Council Chairperson

I, Dianna McWilliam, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Tribal Council Resolution 10011ATC-002, which was voted on by the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Annual Tribal Council Meeting on October 1, 2011 by a vote of 21 for, 1 against, and 0 abstaining.

Dianna McWilliam
Tribal Council Secretary

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the 2011 Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Annual Tribal Council Meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution (10011ATC-002) was adopted by the affirmative vote of 21 for, 1 against, and 0 abstaining (not voting).

Dianna McWilliam
Tribal Council Secretary

John E. Hoffman
Tribal Council Chairperson

Dianna McWilliam
Tribal Council Coordinator

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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCT 1, 2011
CONCHO COMMUNITY BUILDING-CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION NO. 10011ATC-003

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011
DATE PUBLISHED: Sept. 15, 2011

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROJECT FOR ELDERLY HOUSING ON THE CONCHO RESERVE

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Tribe organized under a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: The self-governance and sovereign status of the Tribes promotes economic and social welfare, protects the religious freedom and tribal customs of all tribal members; and

WHEREAS: Article V, § 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to set policy for the Tribes and have all other powers and duties specifically provided by this Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority (Applicant) acting as the General Partner of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority Limited Partnership #1 (Owner), is proposing to construct a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project of approximately 48 units of newly constructed, multi-family elderly housing with community amenities to be determined to be located within the jurisdiction of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes in Concho, OK immediately east of Left Hand Ave. between Tail Bull Rd. and Yellow Bear Rd; and

WHEREAS: The Housing Authority was approved through a Tribal Council Resolution No. 10000ATC-002 for a 50-year lease for 5-acres on the Concho Reserve to build an Independent Living Complex; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes support economic development and promote affordable housing for the benefit of the citizens of Concho, Oklahoma in Canadian County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, that the Tribes support favorable consideration to be given for a tax credit award for this development by the CHFA Board of Trustees at the May 2012 Board Meeting (or future meeting).

BE IT RESOLVED it is noted that the proposed development is consistent with the Tribe's affordable housing strategies and comprehensive plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby authorizes the Housing Authority to construct a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project on the Concho Reserve.

2011 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

John E. Hoffman
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the 2011 Tribal Council of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes; do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Tribal Council Meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 21 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining (not voting).

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2011
CONCHO COMMUNITY BUILDING CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION NO: 10011ATC-004

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011
SUBJECT: A Tribal Council Resolution authorizing the submission of the Fiscal Year 2011 Tribal Transit Program Grant Application to Federal Transit Administration.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution approved by the Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to set policy for the Tribes and all other powers and duties specifically provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 4 (d) of the Constitution grants the Governor the power to negotiate and sign a contract, other than a governing management contract, which has been previously authorized by the Tribal Council or legislative; and

WHEREAS: Notice of Funding Availability with the Federal Transit Administration for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)), a program authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Section 3013(c); and

WHEREAS: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members are presented with greater opportunities by having transportation services offered through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transit Program; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council feels it is in the best interest to participate in the Indian Reservation Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council authorizes the Governor to sign the contract proposal, contract documents, and other pertinent documents deemed necessary for the execution of this service for the benefit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members.

ATTEST:

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the Annual Tribal Council Meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 23 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 not voting.

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

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CONCHO COMMUNITY BUILDING CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION NO: 10011ATC-005

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011

SUBJECT: A Tribal Council Resolution approving the Federal Transit Administration's Requirement of a Tribal Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution approved by the Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to set policy for the Tribes and all other powers and duties specifically provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, through the established Tribal Transit Program, provides transit services to tribal members and the general public within the communities in or adjacent to the Tribes' service area;

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are dedicated to providing safe, dependable, and economical transportation services to our transit system passengers; and

WHEREAS: The policy of the Tribal Transit Program is to ensure that our employees are not impaired in their ability to perform assigned duties in a safe, productive, and healthy manner; Create a workplace environment free from the adverse effects of drug abuse and alcohol misuse; Prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, disposal, possession, or use of controlled substances; Encourage our employees to seek professional assistance whenever personal problems, including alcohol or drug dependency, adversely affect their ability to perform their assigned duties; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are committed to comply with the Federal Transit Administration requirements set forth by 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655 regarding Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, having the power vested in Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution, hereby approves

the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy for safety sensitive employees of the Tribal Transit Program.

John E. Hoffman
Tribal Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

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Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
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INDIAN RESERVATION ROAD (IRR) PROGRAM
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION: 10011ATC-006

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011

TITLE: TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE FY2012 INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized tribe with their own form of self-government; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to authorize the Governor to enter into treaties, compacts, or any contract that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council has reviewed the Fiscal Year 2012 Indian Reservation Roads Program Agreement between the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs which authorizes the Tribe to perform the planning, research, design, engineering, construction and maintenance of highway, road, bridge, transportation infrastructure, and transit facility programs and projects located on or which provide access to the Tribe and/or Tribal members; and

WHEREAS: The FY2012 Indian Reservation Roads Program Agreement provides for the transfer to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes all the functions and duties that the Secretary of Interior would have performed with respect to a program or project under 23 U.S.C. sec. 201-204, other than those functions and duties that cannot be legally transferred under 23 U.S.C. sec. 202(d)(3), together with such additional activities as the Tribe may perform under SAFETEA-LU and the IRR Regulations; and

WHEREAS: The FY2012 Indian Reservation Roads Program Agreement provides the Tribe to carry out the statutory requirements pursuant to sec. 1119 of SAFETEA-LU and to maintain and improve its unique and continuing government-to-government relationship with and responsibility to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: The FY2012 Indian Reservation Roads Program Agreement provides for the IRR Program funding to the Tribe or its designee, under this Agreement, the TTRM Relative Needs Distribution Formula (RNDMF) share of IRR Program funds under the IRR regulations; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council agree to the terms, provisions, and conditions of the FY 2012 Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program Agreement which shall become effective upon the date of its approval and execution by the Governor of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes and the authorized BIA official and shall extend for the maximum period authorized by any statutory extensions to SAFETEA-LU; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes the Governor to sign the FY 2012 Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program Agreement between the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs.

John E. Hoffman
Tribal Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the Annual Tribal Council Meeting held on the 1st day of the October, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 21 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 not voting.

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

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CONCHO COMMUNITY HALL, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION NO: 10011ATC-008

DATE POSTED: Sept. 8, 2011 DATE APPROVED: Oct. 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the FY 2011 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution ("Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution") approved by the Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution Article V, Section 2 (a) grants the Tribal Council "the power to authorize the Governor to enter into treaties, compacts, or any contract;" and

WHEREAS: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) reflects the unique relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes and should not be construed to establish a precedent with respect to any other individual, organization or foreign government; and

WHEREAS: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) provides protection of Native American graves; and

WHEREAS: Under 25 USC 3008, Section 10 (a) the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make grants to Indian tribes for the purpose of assisting such tribes in the repatriation of Native American cultural items including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes the FY 2011 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

2011 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

ATTEST:

Dianna McWilliam
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the 2011 Tribal Council of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes; do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Annual Tribal Council Meeting held on October 1, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 21 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

Dianna McWilliam
Tribal Council Secretary



Courtesy photo

The Wampanoag side of the first Thanksgiving story

By Michelle Tirado, Indian Country Today Media Network

Too often the story of the 1621 Thanksgiving is told from the pilgrims’ point of view, and when the Wampanoag, who partook in this feast too, are included, it is usually in a brief or distorted way. In search of the Native American perspective, we looked to Plymouth, where the official first Thanksgiving took place and where today the Wampanoag side of the story can be found.

Plimoth Plantation is one of Plymouth’s top attractions and probably the place to go for the first Thanksgiving story. It is a living museum, with its replica 17th century Wampanoag Homesite, a representation of the homesite used by Hobbamock, who served as emissary between the Wampanoag and pilgrims, and staffed by 23 Native Americans, mostly Wampanoag, 17th century English Village and the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought the pilgrims to Plymouth.

According to a Plimoth Plantation timeline, the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth Harbor on Dec. 16, 1620. The pilgrims settled in an area that was once Patuxet, a Wampanoag village abandoned four years prior after a deadly outbreak of a plague, brought by European traders who first appeared in the area in 1616. The museum’s literature tells that before 1616, the Wampanoag numbered 50,000 to 100,000, occupying 69 villages scattered throughout southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island. The plague, however, killed thousands, up to two-thirds, of them. Many also had been captured and sold as slaves.

Yet, when the Wampanoag watched the Mayflower’s passengers come ashore at Patuxet, they did not see them as a threat.

“The Wampanoag had seen many ships before,” explained Tim Turner, Cherokee, manager of Plimoth Plantation’s Wampanoag Homesite and co-owner of Native Plymouth Tours. “They had seen traders and fishermen, but they had not seen women and children before. In the Wampanoag ways,

they never would have brought their women and children into harm. So they saw them as a peaceful people for that reason.”

But they did not greet them right away either. The English, in fact, did not see the Wampanoag that first winter at all, according to Turner. “They saw shadows,” he said.

Samoset, a Monhegan from Maine, came to the village on March 16, 1621. The next day, he returned with Tisquantum (Squanto), a Wampanoag who befriended and helped the English that spring, showing them how to plant corn, fish and gather berries and nuts. That March, the pilgrims entered into a treaty of mutual protection with Ousamequin (Massasoit), the Pokanoket Wampanoag leader.

Turner said what most people do not know about the first Thanksgiving is that the Wampanoag and pilgrims did not sit down for a big turkey dinner and it was not an event that the Wampanoag knew about or were invited to in advance.

In September/October 1621, the pilgrims had just harvested their first crops, and they had a good yield. They “sent four men on fowling,” which comes from the one paragraph account by pilgrim Edward Winslow, one of only two historical sources of this famous harvest feast. Winslow also said, “we exercised our arms.”

“Most historians believe what happened was Massasoit got word that there was a tremendous amount of gun fire coming from the pilgrim village,” Turner said. “So he thought they were being attacked and he was going to bear aid.”

When the Wampanoag showed up, they were invited to join the pilgrims in their feast, but there was not enough food to feed the chief and his 90 warriors.

“He [Massasoit] sends his men out, and they bring back five deer, which they present to the chief of the English town [William Bradford]. So, there is this whole ceremonial gift-giving,

as well. When you give it as a gift, it is more than just food,” said Kathleen Wall, a Colonial Foodways Culinarian at Plimoth Plantation.

The harvest feast lasted for three days. What did they eat? Venison, of course, and Wall said, “Not just a lovely roasted joint of venison, but all the parts of the deer were on the table in who knows how many sorts of ways.”

Was there turkey? Fowl is mentioned in Winslow’s account, which puts turkey on Wall’s list of possibilities. Wall also said there probably would have been a variety of seafood and water fowl along with maize bread, pumpkin and other squashes.

“It was nothing at all like a modern Thanksgiving,” she said.

While today Thanksgiving is one of our nation’s favorite holidays, it has a far different meaning for many Wampanoag, who now number between 4,000 and 5,000.

Turner said, “For the most part, Thanksgiving itself is a day of mourning for Native people, not just Wampanoag people.”

At noon on every Thanksgiving day, hundreds of Native people from around the country gather at Cole’s Hill, which overlooks Plymouth Rock, for the National Day of Mourning. It is an annual tradition started in 1970, when Wampanoag Wamsutta (Frank) James was invited by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to give a speech at an event celebrating the 350th anniversary of the pilgrims’ arrival and then he was disinvented after the event organizers discovered his speech was one of outrage over the atrocities and broken promises his people endured.

Regarding the Wampanoag welcoming and having friendly relations with the pilgrims, James wrote in his undelivered speech, “This action by Massasoit was perhaps our biggest mistake. We, the Wampanoag, welcomed you, the white man, with open arms, little knowing that it was the beginning of the end.”

Bill Gates announces 2012 scholarship program for low-income, minority students

Gates’ non-profit organization is giving away 1,000 scholarships for the 2012 school season.

Bill Gates’ Millennium Scholarship Program (GMS) will select 1,000 talented students next year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. Scholars will also be provided with personal and professional development through their leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career.

The program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was estab-

lished to provide outstanding low income minority students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any area of interest.

To date, the program has given scholarships to more than 15,000 students. Continuing scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following disciplines, education engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science

To apply, visit www.gmsp.org. The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012

Blackbear Bosin artwork featured in Red Earth exhibit

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – One of the most iconic sculptures in the state of Kansas overlooks the Wichita skyline at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers.

The “Keeper of the Plains,” by Oklahoma-born artist, sculptor Francis (Blackbear) Bosin, is a dramatic 44-foot tall steel sculpture of an American Indian he created as a gift to the city in 1974.

A new exhibition, featuring some of Bosin’s most recognized works, is currently on view through January 10, 2012 at the Red Earth Museum & Gallery in downtown Oklahoma City.

Bosin, a Kiowa/Comanche born in Anadarko, came to his adopted city of Wichita in 1940 where he began a career as a color separator and plate maker for Western Lithograph and as an illustrator for Boeing Aircraft. Well known for his “Keeper of the Plains” sculpture, Bosin, also known by his Indian name Tsate Kongia, primarily expressed his artistic talents through painting. Throughout his career Bosin gained nationwide recognition as a traditional painter. He received no formal art training, yet had his first one-man art show in Honolulu while stationed as a Marine on the island during World War II.

He combined Oklahoma’s southern plains Kiowa Five technique with surreal-

ism which attributed to his unique, recognizable style.

For most of his adult life Bosin lived and worked in graphic arts in his adopted home of Wichita. Known professionally as Blackbear Bosin, he first received national acclaim in 1955 when National Geographic highlighted his painting Prairie Fire, and in 1965 he was the only Indian artist included in the White House Festival of the Arts

In 1959 he opened a gallery in Wichita and became an active force in the artistic community. He was founding member of the Mid-America Indian Center, and donated his only sculpture, Keeper of the Plains, to the city.

By the time of his death in 1980 at the age of 59, Bosin had earned a prominent place among American artists for his inventiveness and imagination.

His awards include the Waite Phillips Award of the Philbrook Art Center, National American Indian Achievements Award for Visual Arts in Los Angeles, and the A. Price Woodard Brotherhood Award.

The Red Earth Museum & Gallery is open free to the public Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointment at 6 Santa Fe Plaza next to the historic Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. Visit www.redearth.org or call (405) 427-5228 for additional information.

LABOR DAY POWWOW
BENEFIT DANCE
SUNDAY DEC. 4, 2011
CONCHO COMMUNITY CENTER

All Gourd Dance
Supper at 5 p.m.-Dance to follow
Announcement of Princess Contest
Raffles-Fund Raiser for
Annual Powwow

For More Information
Labor Day Powwow Committee
Chairman: Virgil Franklin Jr. (405) 245-2335
Vice-Chairman-Louella Oldbear (405) 426-2278
Treasurer-Diane Willis
Secretary-Anna Sage
Sergeant-at-Arms-Mack Sittingbull
Handgame Coordinator-Ida Hoffman

MC: Alan Fletcher
HS-Fred Mosqueda
HMD-Alvin Sage
HLD-Carrie Whitlow
Arena Dir.-Edward Sage
Co-Host-Red Moon Serv. Club

Powwow Committee Not Responsible for Accidents or Injuries

Snow Tubing

Inviting Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Youth!

Grades 9th-12th
December 20, 2011
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Redhawks Ballpark-Bricktown
Oklahoma City
* LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED *

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Hammon-Cowboy Junct.	8:45 am	Elk City-Love's	9:00 am
Clinton-Homeland	9:45 am	Thomas-Terrier Express	9:45 am
Weatherford-Old Homeland	10:15 am	El Reno-Walmart	11:15 am
Seiling-Shell Gas Station	9:00 am	Canton-Shell Gas Station	9:45 am
Watonga-Food Distribution	10:30 am	Geary-North Store	11:00 am
Kingfisher-Walmart	11:00 am	OKC-Walmart MacArthur	11:30 am
Woodward-Walmart	8:00 am		

Deadline to Register: Friday, December 16, 2011
INCENTIVE FOR ALL YOUTH WHO ATTEND!
For more information contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27570.

Happy Birthday



Happy Belated 11th Birthday
To “The baby”
We are proud of you.
Love mom and Johnny,
sisters Kyra and Tiffani,
brothers JR and Tanner and
nephews Will and Erin.



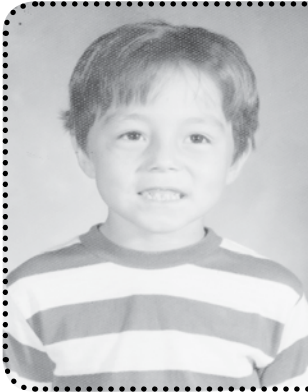
Happy Belated Birthday
AnnMarie Cometsevah
Nov. 11
Love your family



Happy 4th Birthday
Braydon!
Grandma loves you!
From your mom, dad,
sissies, aunties Andrea
and Veronica, uncle Buck
(Aaron), uncle Cory and
cousins JayJay and Abram.



Do you know how much
you mean to me?
As you grow into what
you will be.
You came from within,
from just beneath my heart
it’s there you’ll always be
though your own life will
now start. You’re growing
so fast it sends me awirl,
with misty eyes I ask,
where’s my little baby girl?
You’ll always be my
source of pride, no
matter where you go.
You must stand up tall and
proud, within you feel no
fear, for all you dreams and
goals, sit before you very
near. With God’s love in
your heart and the world
by its tail, you’ll always
be my winner, and victory
will prevail. For you this
poem was written, with help
from above, to tell you in a
rhythm of your mommy’s
everlasting love!
Happy 1st Birthday to my
precious princess
Daviani Wannie-Patsy
WhiteShield
You’ll always be my lil
mommy’s girl!!
Infinite X’s and O’s,
mommy



Happy 41st Birthday Piggy!!!
Nov. 27

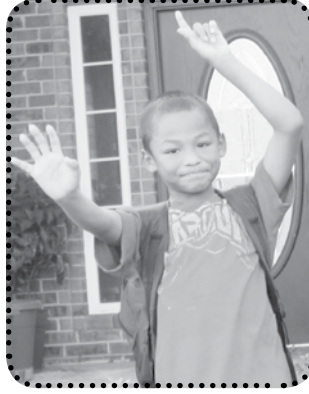
You are the greatest daddy any little girl could ever hope for!
You are a good husband and step dad too! We love you so
very much! Hope you have the best birthday ever!! Love
your girls, Kynadee, Lauren and the boys.
I guess me, your wife! XOXO



Congratulations
Amick Sleeper, 10 years old
and is in the fourth grade at
Springdale Elementary in
Tulsa, Okla.
On Friday Nov. 4th 2011
Springdale had an assembly
and A.J. was presented with
two awards, one was for
perfect attendance and the
other for Principles honor
roll for the first nine weeks.
A.J. is an enrolled member
of Cheyenne and Arapaho
tribes’ and is also of Kiowa
descent.
A.J. is the son of Johnny and
Cheryl Sankadota-Bernal.
His family is very proud of
him.



Happy Birthday
Charles Sleeper
Dec. 14
Whom will be 61 yrs
younger!!



Happy 10th Birthday Son
Your in double digits now
big boy!
Dec. 7

Love, mom and dad, Jaiden,
Victoria, Sarena and Mario.



Mother, as I walk through
the journey of life, I
remember. I remember how
you helped me to grow with
love, truth, and honesty.
I remember how you helped
me to choose the right path
with values, morals, and
self-worth. I remember how
you gave me dreams with
hope and confidence.
As I remember, I pray to be
a mother like you, to shape
my children into strong
adults, full of hopes and
dreams. You made me who I
am today, and I will always
remember you in life’s
passing for no one could
touch my life as you have.

Happy Birthday
DaDa Sampson
Dec. 27
Love mom

Happy Birthday to our
princesses
Gertrude-Sara and Daviani!
We love you with all
our heart!
Hugs and kisses,
grammies and
grumpy



Congratulations
Khali Littlehawk is a tribal
member and the daughter of
Kino and Theresa
Littlehawk
From Kingfisher. our
grandaughter, Agnes and
Donald Littlehawk.

Happy 5th Birthday
Gertrude-
Sara Elias
Blackowl!!
You are the
best big sister
a kid could have!
We love you so much!
Hugs and Kisses,
momma Sara and Daviani

Happy 4th Birthday
Erin Allen Blindy
Nov. 24
We love you and miss you,
grandma Cheryl, papa
Johnny, uncle Junka, uncle
Tanner, aunt Tiffani and
uncle AJ.

Happy Belated
Birthday
To our auntie
Arlene Magpie
Nov. 11
Love, JR and
A.J. Sleeper



Happy 12th Birthday
Riley Brendan Island
We love you so much
you will always be
my baby boy!!

“You don’t raise heroes, you
raise sons. And if you treat
them like sons, they’ll turn
out to be heroes, even if it’s
just in your own eyes.”

Happy Belated Birthday
Penny Scraper and Kim
Black Johnson
Nov. 12
From your
family and
friends.



Happy Birthday
to our dad
Randy Hawk!
We love you!!
Sheridan, Morgan, Emily,
Justyn and Iven.

Happy 13th Birthday
Melanie Cecila Littlecalf
aka “JoJo”, Joelena.
Dec. 27
Daddy loves and misses
you, Love dad.



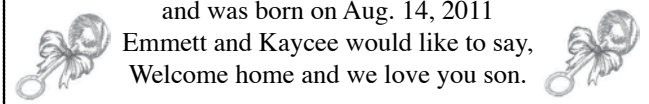
Introducing Isaac Lee
Beavers
It's a BOY!
Isaac Lee Beavers was born
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at
Integris Hospital in Yukon,
Okla. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.
and was 19 inches long.



Proud parents are Meagan Greenwalt and Gavin Beavers
of El Reno, Okla.
Maternal grandparents are Tony and Anita Greenwalt.
Paternal grandparents are Carolyn and Ronnie Beavers all
of El Reno, Okla.
Great-grandparents are Nick and Emily Ramirez of El
Reno, Okla. and Dixie Steaver of Tuttle, Okla.



Emmett, Jr. and Kaycee
RedBird would like to
announce the new arrival of
their son.
Ethan James RedBird.
He weighed 9 pounds, 71/2 ounces, 21 inches long
and was born on Aug. 14, 2011
Emmett and Kaycee would like to say,
Welcome home and we love you son.



Happy Birthday
Melissa Black
Best wishes, your brother Jimmy Joe



In loving memory of
Leandra Kaye Bearshield
Aug. 31, 1968-Dec. 27, 2008
“Blue of X” It’s been
three years since you been
gone. Your memories and
presence are still strong. We
want you to know we love
and miss you so much.

Your memories are always
on our minds, never
forgotten Bluefox. We know
you a beautiful angel with
your wings and halo crown.
Watching over us protecting
us from all the bad spirits
around. Leandra Kaye
Bearshield you’ll always be
loved and never forgotten.
So we got to be good so one
sweet day we’ll meet again
in heaven. Days are so long
nights are so sad without
you by our side. Each and
every memory of you is
still very much alive. We
must stay strong until that
day we meet again. To walk
together in the street of
gold, where there is no sin.



Happy 29th Birthday
J’Shon Leann Youngbear!
Dec. 17
We miss you and love you!!
Love, Reylon, mom, Shanna
and all your friends and
family.

The Preschool class was asked how to cook a turkey and here are their responses:

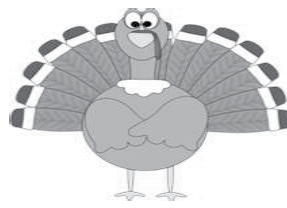


My Turkey Recipe.....

Elicia:
Ingredients: Gravy,
potatoes, washrag, chicken.
Directions: Put in the oven
and shut the door. Take it
our and blow on it.
Cooking Time: 1 hour
Oven Temperature: Warm
Sophia:
Ingredients: French Fries,
Eggs, Cheese, Crackers,
Bread, Cheeseburger, Ice
Directions: Take it out of
freezer
Cooking Time: 14 hours
Oven Temperature: HOT!
Alexia:
Ingredients: Sandwich,
French Fries, Water, Flour
Cooking Time: 2 hours
Christopher:
Ingredients: Eggs, Chicken
Directions: I don’t know
Cooking Time: 3 minutes
Oven Temperature:
Microwave

Drelyn:
Ingredients: Turkey,
Potatoes, Ham, Cake
Directions: Gotta cook it.
Cooking Time: I don’t
know
Oven Temperature: Hot
Aden:
Ingredients: Turkey, Cereal
Directions: Put in the cereal
in it and put it in the oven
Cooking Time: Just an hour
Oven Temperature: Really
hot
Antonio:
Ingredients: Eggs, Ham,
Turkey, Turkey Leg,
Apples, Frybread
Directions: Mix it, wipe
stuff up
Cooking Time: 2 minutes
Oven Temperature: little
bit hot
Charles:
Ingredients: Whip Cream,
Apples, Oranges, Bananas,

Directions: Stir it up and
eat it
Cooking Time: 4 hours
Oven Temperature: 500
degrees
Ross:
Ingredients: Turkey, French
Fries, McDonald’s
Directions: I don’t know
Cooking time: 2 hours
Oven Temperature: Hot
Jacen:
Ingredients: Pizzas, Corn,
Bread
Directions: Put it in a bowl
Cooking Time: 5 minutes
Oven Temperature: Umm..
it’s really hot.



Concho Child Care Preschool Class.....

I am thankful for:

Tina-family
Antonio-my little brother
Trinity-Lots of fun
Charles-Cake
Ross-Bowling with my Dad
Elicia-My Mom cooks for me



Sophia-For my families
Alexia-Paco and my mom and dad
Drelyn –Flowers
Christopher-Cereal
Aden-Thankful for my mom
Jacen-For my mommy



Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver’s license, and CDIB to:
Personnel Department P.O. Box 167 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag@c-a-tribes.org

**Teacher-Child Development
On-Call-Clinton
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED certification or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings, parent meetings and submit monthly reports. Must have adequate transportation, skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check and a mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work a flexible schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Community Health Nurse
Diabetes Wellness
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess current Oklahoma RN Nursing license. Possess strong verbal and written skills. Able to pass background check. Possess current unrestricted Oklahoma driver’s license. Knowledgeable of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal traditions and customs. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Master Teacher
Clinton Child Development
Closing Date: Until filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor’s degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

CLOSING
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 in Observance of Christmas. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 at 8a.m.

The Tribal offices will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2011 in Observance of the New Year. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2011 at 8 a.m.

**Dietitian-RD/LD
Wellness Center, Concho, OK
Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor’s degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including, but not limited to, evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Community Health Representative
Seiling, Okla.
Closing Date: Dec. 2, 2011**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference. Must have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have a current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license and be insurable under the Tribe’s insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit Program PCC and Mileage/Maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have a minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside normal working hours.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Community Health Representative
Weatherford, OK
Closing Date: Dec. 2, 2011**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference. Must have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have a current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license and be insurable under the Tribe’s insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit Program PCC and Mileage/Maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have a minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside normal working hours.

SALARY: Negotiable



**Head Start Teacher Aide
Clinton and Concho
Closing Date: Continuous**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler’s card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Community Health Representative
Watonga Area
Closing Date: Dec. 2, 2011**

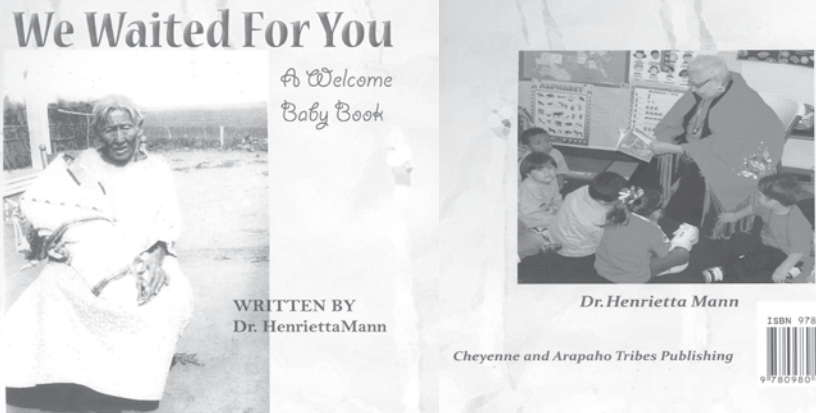
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SALARY: Negotiable

**Community Health Representative
Kingfisher, OK
Closing Date: Dec. 2, 2011**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference. Must have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have a current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license and be insurable under the Tribe’s insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit Program PCC and Mileage/Maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have a minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside normal working hours

SALARY: Negotiable



We Waited For You, a welcome baby book written by Dr. Henrietta Mann and published by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is now available for \$9.95 through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department.

For more information or to purchase a book contact Kathleen Tallbear at (405) 274-2982.

Congratulations!
Alice Seger recently paid off the house she purchased through the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority. Thank you, Alice, for being an exemplary participant in our Homeownership Program!
We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
-Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority-

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES
At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center
*10320 North Airport Road,
Clinton, OK 73601*

The Substance Abuse Program can be contacted at (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 extension 32370.

CUT OUT AND MAIL BACK TRIBAL TRIBUNE NEEDS YOUR HELP-THANK YOU!
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune is currently filing an application for non-profit status with the United States Post Office.
This status will reduce the cost of mailing the *Tribal Tribune* to \$.10/per issue/per mailing ... a savings of over \$25,000/per year.
In order to complete this application we need 2000 subscribers to return the form below to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune, PO Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022, as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who sent in the form ... we appreciate your help. We still need over 1,000 more to move on to the second phase of the application process!!

I have requested to have the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune mailed to me as a tribal member.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

The Diabetes Wellness and Department of Health programs would like to thank the following programs/vendors to make this year’s ninth annual Elders Conference a success.
Department of Administration, Lucky Star and Feather Warrior Casino’s, Domestic Violence Program, Food Distribution, Community Health Representative (CHRs),EPA Program, Culture and Heritage Program, Elder Program, Respect Program, Beachler’s Grocery, Wal-Mart, Ross Seed and Feed, JKM office supplies, Calumet Grocery, Cherokee Trading Post.
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In Memorium 



Martin Daniel
Prairie Chief
July 5, 1961-
Nov. 14, 2011



A wake service was held on Nov. 16, 2011 at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.
A funeral service was held on Nov. 17, 2011 also at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.



Tonita Sankey
March 7, 2011-
Nov. 6, 2011



A wake service was held on Nov. 9, 2011 at Hammon Community Hall in Hammon, Okla.
A funeral service was held on Nov. 10, 2011 at the Canton Christian Church in Canton, Okla.



Ruth E. Woolworth
July 26, 2011-
Nov. 17, 2011



A wake service was held on Nov. 20, 2011at the Geary Community Building in Geary, Okla.
A funeral service was held on Nov. 21, 2011 at the First Baptist Church also in Geary, Okla.

Wings of America American Indian Youth Development Program

ATTENTION ALL NATIVE AMERICAN RUNNERS

Nike Cross Nationals has partnered with Wings to help find the best young runners in Indian Country. Based on performance at their region’s NXN qualifying race, the top six men and top six women.
Native runners ages 14 to 19 will be selected to represent Wings at the 2012 USATF Cross Country Championships in St. Louis, Missouri.

Travel and lodging for selected student-athletes will be covered by Wings of America. Uniforms and team apparel will be provided by Nike.
To learn more about this opportunity and to identify yourself as an eligible competitor, please contact Wings’ program director, Dustin Martin by email at wingsprgrmdir@aol.com or by phone at (505) 977 5057.

Thank you from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority

We would like to say “Thank You” to the following households/individuals in the Mutual Help and Independent Living Center Programs for being either current or ahead on their monthly payments:

Alfred D. Tall Bird	Gregory K. Walker	Max Watan Jr.
Angelo Sleeper Sr.	Herschel Benton Sr.	Melvin K. Whitebird
Arlene F. Kaulaity	Jackie C. Barnes	Merle Lopez
Barry E. Hamilton	James A. Starr	Mia S. Contreras
Belva Hicks	James Black	Michael A. Holliman
Bertha J. Lamebull	Jane K. Tiger	Michael G. Lamebull
Beulah Penn	Jasper RedHat Jr.	Michelle L. Gutierrez
Billie K. Gaines	Jennie Curtis	Morrow E. Big Horse
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Freda Hatch	Margaret Jenkins	Vernon Highwalker
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Geneva Blue	Mary L. Billy	Willard A. Kyrk
Geraldine Wells	Mary Snodgrass	Winnifred E. Mendivil

Housing Authority announces upcoming changes

To all current participants in the Mutual Help Program and applicants on the Waiting List for Mutual Help.

The following policies have been revised as follows, and will take effect on **Jan. 1, 2012:**Admissions, Occupancy, and Eligibility, MEPA Use, and Collection & Eviction Policy.

Please be advised, the monthly administrative fee of \$65 will increase to \$100 and the maximum ceiling amount will increase from \$300 to \$450 on any size bedroom unit for all homebuyers in the Mutual Help Program through the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority. Three-hundred dollars (\$300) will be the ceiling payment for 60 and over. Another very important revision to be advised of is when an applicant’s name has come up on the Waiting List and they are eligible for the Mutual Help Program, drug screening will be required for all adult household members 18

years of age and older during the process of admission. These recent revisions are located in the Admissions, Occupancy and Eligibility Policy.

There have also been changes to the MEPA Use Policy as well as the Collection & Eviction Policy, which each policy will be appearing in the tribal newspaper throughout a period of time until all the revised policies have been posted. These revised policies, along with other policies will be available on the tribal website.

For information or questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact our Resident Services Department at (580) 323-4877 or (800) 482-4288. Resident Service Coordinator, Karla Iron-Ext: 32417, Occupancy Specialist, Teisha Tallbear-Ext: 32416, and Collections Counselor, Valerie Hawk-Smith-Ext: 32414.

A rising tide of Tribes

By Jim Stanley, C&A Tribal Tribune Contributing Writer

This is good for me.

That is the cry heard around the 45-person table as hands are raised in support of using collective power in negotiation for a special vendor program. Each person raising their hand is a member of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group in Washington State, a peer-learning group focused on operational excellence, sharing best practices, building effective relationships with partners and leveraging size. Membership is open to all tribes and the discussion is about business ... not politics.

The Tribal C-Store Summit Group started in January 2009 as an idea between employees of two tribal enterprises, Ron Myers, Retail Operations Manager of Squaxin Island tribe’s Island Enterprises and Jamey Balousek, Chief Operating Officer of Puyallup tribe’s Marine View Ventures. Ron and Jamey thought there was an opportunity to share best practices and establish a peer-learning group. Their hunch was right.

Today, the Tribal C-Store Summit Group has 101 members from 21 tribes in

the state of Washington. Attendees are executives of tribal enterprise groups, convenience store managers, key and front-line employees. Tribes from the state of Oregon and California have expressed interest in joining the group and attended meetings. Meetings are three times a year hosted by alternating member tribes. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 25, 2012 at the Tualip Resort and Casino.

The mood of gatherings is collegial. Often, attendees will meet the night before for happy hour where in addition to business the discussion includes family, one’s journey to lead to current position and good humor.

Meetings consist of a half day of speaker(s) presenting on subjects like inventory control, cigar etiquette and theft prevention; followed by a site tour of the host Tribe’s c-store, gas station and sometimes car-wash. The tour is capped by a review session where the host Tribe collects positive reinforcement and constructive criticism. Each meeting drives relationships deeper and grows institutional knowledge so a tribe



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can be the best operator possible.

If you or your tribe is interested in experiencing the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, please contact Jim Stanley or go www.tribal-summitgroup.com.



Veterans Powwow held Nov. 11, 2011 at the Watonga Fairgrounds in Watonga, Okla. Special guest, Staff Sgt. Michael Gonzales.

Photos by Barbara Scott

Elders Christmas

Good Food and Live Bingo

Wednesday, December 14th, 2011

Come join us for some

fun from 10am - ?? @

Lucky Star Event Center

Bingo, Bingo, Bingo

We will start serving the meal at 10am

All participants will receive 1 Bingo pack, backup, dauber and an intermission pack!!

Bingo Session
Will be held immediately following the meal

Food + Friends = Fun

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! From Governor Boswell and Lucky Star Casino

For more information Call the Executive office at (405) 4227743

ELDERS XMAS EVENT TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE				
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Transit Program will be providing transportation services to the Elders Christmas Luncheon and Bingo at Lucky Star Casino in Concho, OK on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Activities are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.				
The transit program will operate its regular scheduled routes on this day. Those who will be riding the transit buses to the event will need to notify the driver of their destination. There will be no fare charge for those elders going to this event. Transit buses will arrive at Concho Lucky Star at 9:45 a.m.				
Transportation from Concho Lucky Star Casino will be provided in the afternoon to the locations listed below.				
Pick-up Time and Location <u>TO</u> Concho Lucky Star				
Location	P/U Time	Location	Destination	Arrival Time
Hammon	710 am	Comm. Hall	Concho	945 am
Elk City	730 am	Loves (east)	Concho	945 am
Clinton	810 am	Transit Bldg.	Concho	945 am
Weatherford	830 am	Hutches	Concho	945 am
Seiling	705 am	C-1 Office	Concho	945 am
Canton	735 am	Comm. Hall	Concho	945 am
Watonga	820 am	IHS Clinic	Concho	945 am
Geary	840 am	Comm. Hall	Concho	945 am
El Reno	930 am	Wal Mart	Concho	945 am
Kingfisher	915 am	United	Concho	945 am
Pick-up Time and Location <u>FROM</u> Concho Lucky Star				
Location	P/U Time	Location	Destination	Arrival Time
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Hammon	445 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Elk City	430 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Clinton	400 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Weatherford	300 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Seiling	545 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Canton	515 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Watonga	300 pm
Concho	130 pm	Lucky Star	Geary	240 pm
Concho	245 pm	Lucky Star	Kingfisher	330 pm
Concho	505 pm	Lucky Star	El Reno	515 pm
All times are approximate. The transit program reserves the right to modify these routes due to no riders.				

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OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Rosemary Stephens, Editor—Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

FROM:

Debra Woolworth, Executive Director
Department of Enrollment

DATE:

November 16, 2011

RE:

Change of Address Information for Publication

In an effort to launch a centralized system of addresses between two programs, the Department of Enrollment will now be the only place a change of address will be accepted.

This central system will allow the Department of Enrollment to make changes to the enrollment database. When “Per Capita Season” rolls around, Enrollment can generate a report of these current addresses and route them to the Per Cap Office. In turn, Per Cap can import these changes into their database and checks will go where they were intended.

In the past, two different program databases were being maintained and information was not readily exchanged between the two departments. This effort to share information will make it easier on the tribal member who is trying to make sure his/her address is correct because there will only be one location to call to see if it’s current. It will also alleviate much confusion between the two programs should staff changes occur and new staff is left wondering if a stack of address changes has already been made or if they need to go to the other department.

As in the past, these forms must be notarized in order to be acceptable. Changes in custody must be accompanied by original court documents. Change of Address forms can be located on the tribal website, as well as in the Enrollment Office. If the office is closed, forms are still available in file containers just outside the doors of Enrollment by the Burial Room door.

Sadly, this doesn’t affect other programs that provide a service with an address requirement. Tribal members will still have to make address changes with other programs such as the Tribal Tribune, Social Services, Election Commission, etc.

If you have any questions or comments, I encourage you to contact me at (405) 262-0345, Extension 27600.

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Submitted by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann

This article is based upon a famous quotation of poet June Jordan who stated, “We are the ones we have been waiting for.”

Just think about that in a cultural, historical and educational context. Think how this pertains to the current generations of Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí, who are the ones who must maintain all that it means to be good-hearted Cheyenne and Arapaho. Collectively, today’s generations from the youngest to the oldest carry the high ideals that sustained the grandparent generations through time. The current generations have inherited the languages, cultures, values and spiritual strength from all those who lived before. Tribal knowledge and tribal resources are waiting to be explored and utilized to help maintain and create a good life characterized by unity, a time where everyone works together and lives in the community.

Looking back it must have been a glorious time when tribal traditions and knowledge were codified inside Bear Butte and ultimately sent out as wonderful gifts for the people to use on their road of life. When the first Sweet Medicine Chief gave the people a glimpse into their future before he left them to journey without him, he told them to always remember him and his teachings. That quick futuristic view included the acknowledgement that the children would be the ones to lead us out of this time of intense intra-tribal conflict and the erosion of cultural ways and values. It is the time Sweet Medicine predicted.

Children are the living embodiment of spirit. They come to earth pure in spirit. They are so beautiful and precious, but so helpless at birth. They depend upon their parents and grandparents to keep them safe from harm and to nurture their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development. The first eight years of life are critical in terms of education, which is why Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures are children-centered. As such, children must be educated well

by their first teachers, who are primarily their mothers.

There is no denying that mothers/women are the first teachers of their children and they have consistently acknowledged their awesome responsibility throughout time. Their homes are the place where the emotional, psychological and intellectual foundation for children is created and established. Home is the first school and it is safe and happy. In the privacy of the family home children learn the languages and ways of the people. They learn about their central tribal values, such as honesty, generosity, patience, understanding, courage, respect and love.

In the early years, children are fragile and small like plants that have to be nurtured and protected if they are to develop and mature to life. Their roots are virtually non-existent and it is important that they be taught and encouraged to put down strong cultural and spiritual roots, to become rooted in the land. They must be educated in their ways, whether it is Cheyenne or Arapaho. They must have the opportunity to observe and learn from their best role models and learn from the best of their storyteller teachers.

Childhood is the time of innocence and happiness. It also is the time for learning and as they continue to mature, education becomes more formalized. They must receive a strong cultural education as they have the responsibility for carrying their cultures to the coming generations. It is difficult for children to understand that they are the “ancestors of those yet to come,” and that they must exercise all its attendant responsibilities. Along those lines the older generations need to ask themselves some important questions and act accordingly. Those questions include:

Have we instilled in the children their tribal languages and cultural values? Have we modeled the best behaviors about living in strong communities? Have we given them knowledge of our histories so they can avoid future mistakes? Have we given them the tools they need to culturally

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survive in the future? Have we ensured them the best education possible? After all it is all for the children ... right?

As it pertains to education, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is included in the different educational systems afforded tribal children. For context, it should be remembered that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is the only place in the entire world where tribal members can study their languages, histories and cultural aspects in a tribally controlled institution of higher education. Further, of the 565 federally recognized tribes, there are only 36 tribal colleges and universities in the country, one of which is in Canada. In addition, of the 39 tribes in Oklahoma there are only four tribal colleges. In this regard, the Cheyenne and Arapaho have every right to be proud of their higher education vision for their children, in which they are making a significant investment.

As two allied nations, the Cheyenne and Arapaho survived the walk through history, which changed following contact. Their cultures always have focused upon building strong communities. It is time for the current generations to draw upon their cultural strength and create a beautiful and just world for the children. The parent and grandparent generations and tribal leadership must seriously think of the times these children are living in and the time toward which they are walking and ensure that their children, too, have strong identities as Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí. If we can do that for our children then “we are the ones we have been waiting for.”







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